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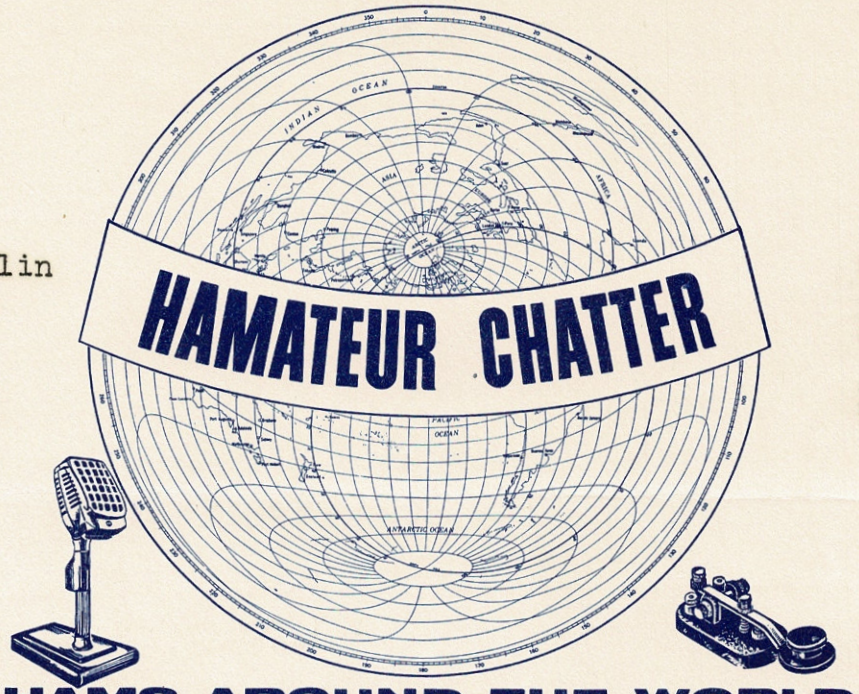

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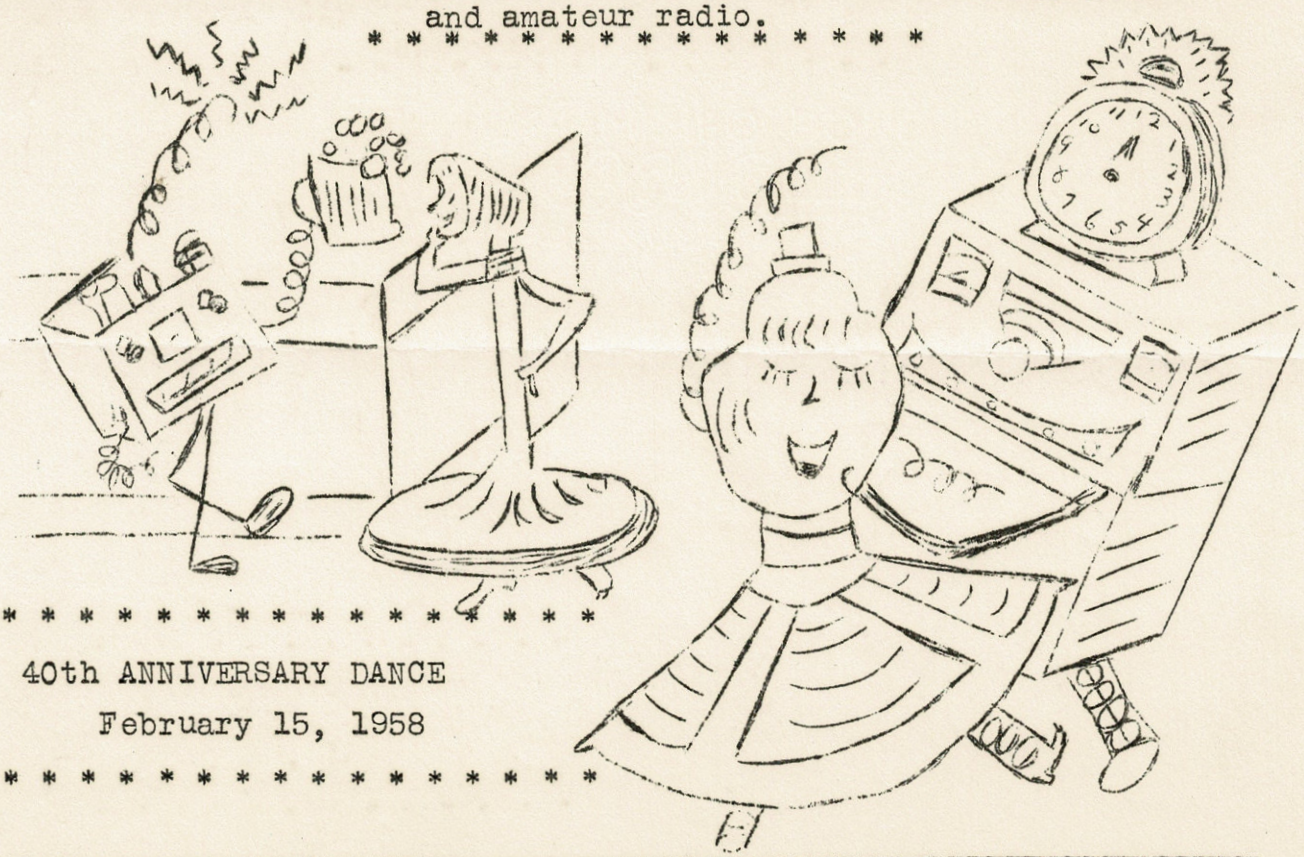

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40th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

February 15, 1958

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F E B R U A R Y M E E T I N G S

P R O G R A M S

6th - - - - Discussion of TVI and BCI by Ed Buchholz, W9VBZ and the Interference Committee. Report of Committees, reading of Board of Directors' minutes, interrogation of new members.

13th - - - "SLIDE NIGHT" - An up-to-date showing of our members' shacks which were photographed by Doug Pavek, W9FDX and his committee. (You, perhaps have worked many of these fellows and now can see them on the screen.)

ANYONE WITH BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF HAM RIGS, PEOPLE, OR EVENTS, PLEASE BRING THEM DOWN FOR DISPLAY. Photograph mountings will be provided.

15th - - - "40th ANNIVERSARY DANCE" See detailed page attached.

20th - - - "VHF NIGHT" (Tentative; further announcement later)

27th - - - "YOUNG TIMER'S NIGHT" - - This program will be in the interest of the younger members, arranged by chairman Gordon Fedder, W9YFW.

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--- Keep this sheet as a reminder ---

TREASURER DAWSON W9CUW ANNOUNCES

In accordance with the By-laws, Article 1, Section 13, regarding fees: "All dues are to be paid within the first 30 days of the Club season".
Some members are of the opinion that because they paid their dues last year in December or January, that their membership is based on that 'year'. It is pointed out that the Club season commences the first Thursday after Labor Day and continues through the month of May, following.
Membership cards issued, so state that the said member is in good standing, with dues paid to May 31, 1958; however, it is to be understood that said member is eligible to partake of club functions during the summer months when no formal meetings are held, such as Field Day and the picnic, contests, etc. But come September, that is the beginning of another Club season with dues payable within the next 30 days. I hope this will clear up any misunderstanding amongst the membership.

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HERE'S A BUSY BODY

15-year-old Richard Regent, K9GDF, 2122-A South 29th St., just received his BPL medallion for his good work in the CW department handling traffic. He received 6 BPL awards earlier. Dick averaged about 300 messages per month for the last 6 months. He got his novice ticket in 1956 and the general in 1957. His speed is 25 WPM. Dick's station consists of a Globe Champion 300 xmtr and the receiver is a HQ-140-X. The antenna is a 40 meter folded dipole. He has 36 states confirmed; runs 350 watts on cw and 300 on fone. He doesn't have too much time to hunt DX but has worked CO2GR. His affiliations are:

Official Observer	Iowa-Des Moines Emergency Net
Official Relay Station	Wisconsin CW Net
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club	Brass Pounders League
Rag Chewers Club	Amateur Radio Emergency Corps
National Traffic System	B & F Radio Club
Midwest Novice Net	American Radio Relay League

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S Dick, Keep up the good work.

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WHAT OUR JUNIORS ARE DOING

K9JHS - Alfred Rehorst - Homebrew xmtr, parallel 6146's, running 100 w input on CW and 60 w fone; modulated by pair 6CU6's in class AB1. Recvr AR-2 (Heath) He has five antennas, all dipoles, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80. Changes them by a B & W coax switch. Has general ticket for 4 months. Worked 40 states. DX is VK3, ZS6, KZ5, KP4, HC1. Hopes to put up a 15 meter beam soon.

K9CME - Lance Kaufman - a Viking Valiant and a 10B that he has just finished for SSB. Receiver SX100. He has five antennas. 3 el 15 meter beam, 10 and 20 meter vertical, 40 meter dipole and a 80 meter long wire. He has worked 70 countries, and has 45 confirmations.

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K9BTG - John Drengenberg, age 14, xmtr Viking II and rcvr SX 100 antenna 3 el beam. On Lakeshore emergency net. Has worked some DX, and also west coast.

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"THE TEST OF TIME"

In most any undertaking, whether it be manufacturing, farm production sales or just any activity that is continuous, there always appears the element of time comparison, with end results. During its more than forty years of existence, amateur radio, as we know it today, has never failed to make gains that prove beyond the shadow of doubt, the appeal that "ham" radio has for members of three generations. Some facts that should interest all of us, concern the licensing by the amateur section of FCC, the figures that follow are NET figures, and take into consideration lapsations and "double countings" for each year in the tabulation, and because 1957 figures ARE included the totals are nearly current.

1952	10,085	1953	7,951
1954	6,832	1955	7,528
1956	9,840	1957	11,309

These figures for the six year period show a NET gain of 53,545 - FIVE YEAR RENEWABLE licensees. The situation can be summed up easily, according to FCC's report of June 30th, 1945 there were a total of slightly more than 60,000 amateurs, and that total has come very close to becoming doubled in the six year total given above. There appears to be little to worry about amateur radio losing its appeal .... did I hear a small voice saying QUOTE: "So that's where all the QRM is coming from!"

I'd like a picture...or more..of a three-generation family of HAM OPS; Gramps, The Old Man and the Young Squirt. And I've got a prize for the first half dozen such groups that are mailed to me. I'd like to fill a page in QST with such illustrations groups.

73 Jack, W9GPI

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"AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES"

A travelog via QSL cards was given at the Jan. 23rd meeting "DX NIGHT" and was well done by those who participated in the speaking. It was very enlightening to hear the amount of research that our DX members prepared about the countries all over the world and became very instructive, and at times HAM RADIO was forgotten. They described the natives, the political situation, farm life, etc., yes, even the different kind of Hula Hula dancers. The subjects were as follows:

OCEANA - Geo. Zurbuchen, W9UDK. ASIA - Dick Scarvaci, K9CAN. EUROPE - Ink Bowen, W9QYW. AFRICA - Chas. Porch, K9ENB. SOUTH AMERICA - Gary Olson, W9YZG. NORTH AMERICA - Don Gross W9KQD. DX-PEDITIONS - Doug Pavek, W9FDX. MOBILE - DX, Fred H. Zolin, W9ONY. ANTARTICA - Jack Doyle W9GPI. XYL-DX - Jeanne Pavek, W9OMZ. DX QSL Bureau - Don Habeck W9AMM. Awards & Certificates by Loren Ashwood, W9PQA were discussed.

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(AROUND WORLD IN 80 MINUTES, cont'd)

While they made the trip in 80 minutes, they could have used another 80, but the meeting deadline of 10 PM prevented this. The large attendance enjoyed the story of DX and those who never did any DX should get the BUG by now. 15 display boards of DX cards made a very fascinating sight. Thanks to W9DYG and his committee.

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BOB STONEK, K9ELH, APPOINTED PAGE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

K9ELH was appointed Congressional Page by Representative Zablocki (Dem. Milwaukee) and began his duties this week on the floor of the House. He had been helping his dad who is publisher of the weekly Cudahy Reminder-Enterprise, as photographer, reporter, and general assistant.

Bob attends school in Washington from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every day, then is in Mr. Zablocki's office as page boy. He misses his HAM radio as he was very active in Cudahy, but hopes to hook up a station in the capitol city. Representative Zablocki has offered space in his home if necessary. (Zablocki witnessed some phone patching to the Antartica recently and became an ardent Ham fan.)

Bob's address is care of Robert Murdock, 320 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. I'm sure he will be very happy to receive some mail from his fellow members. MRAC is proud of you Bob, and we wish you lots of good luck.

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INTERFERENCE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Buchholz, Jr., W9VBZ, Chairman

Since December 15, 1957, this committee has undertaken the responsibility of investigating and clearing all reports dealing with amateur interference. To date more than 42 reports have been received, 31 of these proved to be actual amateur interference. Of this number, 20 TV receivers, FM units, telephones and-or other means of receiving apparatus have been cleared and the means of elimination explained to the complainant for action. To date, 11 cases still under study.

Strong co-operation has been received by this committee by many various parties - FCC, manufacturers of TV and radio equipment, dealers, and the general public. To date, we pride ourselves on the fact that we have had to refuse services of this committee to only one complainant because of lack of co-operation. No amateur has yet had "quiet hours" enforced on him to our knowledge whose case has come to this committee. We would again remind amateurs that if their own interference problem becomes involved, to contact us as soon as possible. If involved parties (amateurs) make any definite commitments or statements it is extremely hard for this organization to straighten the complainants and amateurs' ideas and therefore their problem may never be brought to a successful conclusion.

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LETTERS FROM OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Greetings Jim, (K9CJK)

I have certainly enjoyed receiving the regular mail from the MRAC. Believe me, it has been welcome. So often I have wished that I could attend some of the meetings - but the distance and time involved have prevented such action. I'm still active, but with a mobile rig in the car - no home station set up.

I will be leaving rebel country here in Virginia, within the next three weeks, then out to Albuquerque, New Mexico area for 5 months, then to San Diego, Calif., at the Naval Air Station there. Consequently, I would like to request that my name be temporarily taken off the mailing list until such time as I locate in California, at which time I will again contact you and advise of new QTH.

I've been away from MRAC meetings for almost 19 years now - but still feel privileged on membership retention. I wish you would pass along my 73's to Emil Felber, Doc Wyman, Scarvaci and to all the gang up there in Yankee country of MRAC.

Sometime ago, when the present officers "assumed command" you requested suggestions on any new ideas for club participation. At that time I had something in mind and had expected to write it up in "full dress", that is, to state the idea, and then suggest methods for accomplishing. However, time did not permit, since, in addition to my Navy daytime work, I was teaching here in Norfolk in the evening. So now, I pass along the thought only.....Other Milwaukee, or ex-Milwaukee hams are located all around the globe. I've met them on five continents. Would it be possible to check the records, contact these people and set up a "Milwaukee" night - or day, with specified frequencies on each band? The unit could be run like a net, with a net control station - the MRAC gang checking in, followed by the DX "Milwaukee" hams. The idea could be developed on twice a year or monthly basis if found expedient. Many of the MRAC gang could maybe add to their DX country listings. If it were handled as a "special event" with adequate planning time, good publicity via QST could be manipulated - so - as you wish, the thought goes on.

The Richmond club here in Virginia came up with the Jamestown certificate idea and it has gone over terrifically. Here in Norfolk the Tidewater Mobile Club is going ahead with similar 2 meter mobile jobs as per QST of two months ago - patterned after the W6 success. Publicity-wise, they're a "shot" in the arm" for good liason and activity with civilian defense officials. Most mobiles here in Norfolk are on 75 - a few on 10. Normally, during hurricanes the mobiles are on their stations operating 10 with net controls also on 75 for inter-area and inter-state. We haven't had much more than "high winds" this fall and the previous fall. But for the two-three years prior to that time, the mobiles here did excellent service. Those hurricanes and "near misses" took their toll in certain areas, high water and property damage. The mobile units paid off.

That's about it for down Virginia way. So regards around once again, best DX and 73's.

TED KERSHER, W4DDZ, ex W9HWY, Norfolk, Va.

PS..Is it true that Scarvaci has volunteered to go up with Sputnik III?

(Editor's note: You tell him, Johnny.)

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICES

MRAC has printed cards 12 x 9 stating that we meet every Thursday 8 PM, September thru May, at the Public Library and VISITORS WELCOME. These framed cards will be placed at all radio stores, USO, high schools, etc. Thru the kindness of W9GIL for the printing and W9YFW for the framing, ...this should add excellent publicity to increase attendance at our meetings.

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BEEN SOUP

"Waiter, - what is this?"
"It's bean soup."
"I don't care what it's been. What is it now?"

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NEW MEMBERS - CONGRATULATIONS

Erwin "Doc" Reiser, K9CUI
2323 N. 25th Street (6)

Michael Blenski
4771 N. Idlewild Ave. (11)

Ronald Finger, W9VCH ex KA4AS
2328 N. 34th St. (10)

David Patek, KN9JXH
2463 N. Maryland Ave. (11)

Harry Gold, K9CMP
1034 N. Jefferson Street (2)

Leon Neuzerling, W9HAJ
2512 N. 39th St. (10)

Art Vahovius, W9VSO
11201 Mayers Dr.
Hales Corners

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- DX and ARRL ACTIVITIES NEWS -

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"WATCH FOR"

ZC3AC - Christmas Is., Fri and Sats., 7 to 8 a.m., 14108 kcs.
VS9BW - Yemen, 14.120 kcs, around 8 PM
JT1AA - Mongolia, 21.093, 14.093 & 14.004 kcs
FKQAD - Chesterfield Is., 14 to 14.020 kcs, 1 a.m.
VR1C - Gilbert Is., 14.180 kcs, around 11 p.m.
ZS8R - Basutoland, 14.048 kcs, 10 to 11 p.m.

"FIRSTS"

PY7AN/Q - Fernando Noronha I. (W9GIL, RKP, DYG, QYW, FDX, K9CAN)
CR9AH - 28 mgs (W9PQA) CR9AK 28.328 kcs (W9FDX)
VU2CQ - India, 21.207 kcs, 10 to 12 a.m. (W9VQG, PQA, FDX, OMZ)
HL2AM - Korea, 14.130 kcs 9 a.m. (W9GIL, FDX)
HS1A - Siam, SSB, 14.329 Kcs, 9 a.m. (W9FDX)
CR8AC - Goa, 14.048 kcs (K9CAN, W9GIL)

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"ON THE AIR"

Winter is really here, but condx still not up to par. Some good openings on 28 mcs but 21 and 14 mcs still spotty. Let's hope they improve by DX contest time.

Beda, OK1MB still trying to get on from ZA land. 9S4 stn's now changing over to DL8 calls. Danny and Yasme III now in W4 land. After stops at KV4 and KZ5 his 1st DX spot will be HC8. Will PY2CV/Ø show on PY Trinidad? Best way to QSO ZC3AC is to arrange sked thru VK3CX. Add VQ8AS Rodriguez Is. to your DXCC list.

PY7AN/Ø on Fernando Noronha Is. only 2 days. Sure hope it will count for new country. Now let's see what the MRAC gang did over the holiday season:

W9PQA - Loren climbs to 125/95 on fone with CR9AH (10) DU1VVS (10) UB5UW (10) 3V8BX (10) KB6BF (10) BV1US (10 & 15) ZD4CH & ZD4CO (15) ZS3BC (15) UO5AA (15) & KAØIJ (15). He keyed with UJ8KAA (20) & UN1AN (20) to reach 142/115 f/cw. QSL's in from BV1US, ZC4IP, ZB1BQ, KAØIJ, & KB6BF. (Keep up the good work, OM)

W9DYG - Fred sez Xmas TFC on WIN and the Jr Ops new electric football game, kept him QRL, but he managed to hook UN1AE (14.117) and PY7AN/Ø (14.049). QSL's in from ZK1BS, ZC4CH, UO5AA, ZS3AG and YK1AT make total 185/177. WPX now 250 QSL'ed from 124 countries.

W9VQG - Bob sure knocking 'em off on 15 fone as his 116/90 proves. He miked with FQ8AR (21.215) OQ5DT (21.204) VQ2C (21.210) and CR7AQ (21.203). QSL's rcvd from UB5FG, UA1BE, 5A1TC, YS1LA, ZB2I & ZS3F.

W9QYW - Ink continues hitten em hard on all bands. Latest are UL7HA (14.045) UN1AB (28.110) UI8KAE (14.020) YL-ZE7JY (28.030) and GD3FXN (21.055) Ink is up to 103/66 with QSL's from UQnAB and KC4USA.

W9FDX - Doug climbs to 237 worked by QSO'ing XZ2TH (14.034) HS1A (14.329 & UJ8KAA (14.050)

W9YZG - Gary tuned in CX5CO (14.015) & HH2CL (14.085) and found QSL's from KP6AL, DU7SV, UC2AF, and UA9DN to reach 75/56.

W9OMZ - Jeannie took time from her home making and job to climb to 138 worked by miking with HS1A (14.329 and VU2CQ (21.207)

W9PST - Don, our latest DX minded member rises to 42/31 with QSL's from GM3FHO and KG1CB. He needs only Asia for WAC on 10 fone. Jr op, K9BTG getting into the DX game also and already has 8 QSL'ed. The Drengenbergs use a workshop beam on 28 mcs and a vertical ground plane on 14 mcs.

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(ON THE AIR cont'd)

K9CAN - Dick keeps right on climbing to 172/121 by working CR8AC (14.048) SU1IM (14.032) FM7WT (14.020) VS9AG/ZD3 and LX1AI. The OM, W9GIL, still gets a turn at the Kw also and reports working CR8AC (14.048) and XZ2TH to rise to 222 wkd.

CONTESTS - The Worked-All-Europe (WAE) contest was well represented by MRAC'ers, W9QYW, DYG, CAN, CJK. The 1st CD party of '58 found W9RKP, DYG, & GIL in there pounding brass.

The MRAC turned out in force during Wis QSO party with K9CJK, CAN, W9LOT and W9CJO boring the biggest holes in 75 fone. Others possibly hoarse by quitting time were YZG, HCX, VQG, VD, QND, YGX, and EUZ. The CW gang also did their share with QYW, FDX, DYG, GDF, RKP and ENB in there pitching.

" ON THE SIDE "

RUMORS AROUND TOWN DEPT. - Doug, W9FDX, gonna give up Remote-contolled headset pillow, and all, and go sideband.

Don, W9AMM, tried burning up his auto while out mobiling.

Fred, ONY, wants ski's put on his car.

Gary, W9YZG is going in relay making business.

Van, W9BTM, owns a certain Freq on 75 fone.

Ink, W9QYW, carries a little black book complete with list of "lids".

John, W9GIL, still gets excited over UA1's.

John, W9DGB, plans to complete the "big rig" he has been working on for two years!

Bruce, W9VOD, still hittin the books at Madison. (We sure miss your sig on the air around town.)

Chas, K9ENB & XYL Ellen, back from enjoyable holiday trip to New Jersey.

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COPPER BRIGHT

"Why is it," asked a visitor to the U.S. Mint, "that they stamp 'In God We Trust' on the pennies?"

"That", explained the guide, "is for the benefit of people who use them for fuses."

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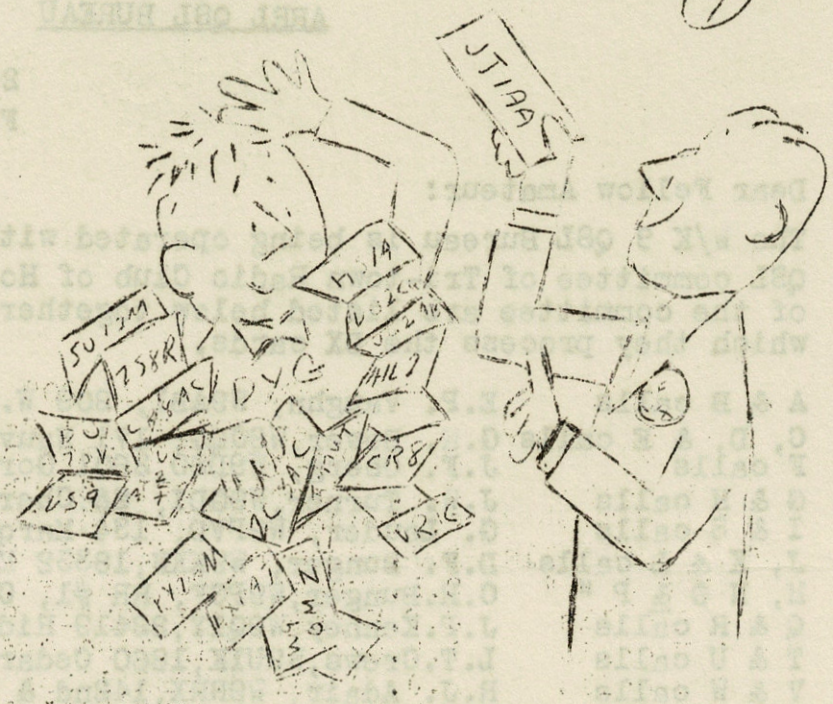
"The DX Man"



– by DYG

He was told that the skip was just right,
To work the rarest of rare DX one night.
He threw on the switches; the tubes glowed so bright,
Optomistically he jumped in with all his might.

He then heard, and he called, good ole YK1AT,
But just then, a car stopped outside you see.
He then retuned, and soon called ZK2AB,
Reply: Hey you "lid", he's in QSO with me.

Scared a bit, but not yet ready to quit,
He then called CQ-DX and let 'er rip;
Back came CR8AC, but he about had a fit,
'Cause down the block, KW Chas tuned up a bit.

He pounded his rig and he tore out his hair,
For this was more than our hero could bear.
Now if you see a Ham, with a wild, stony stare –
Just ask him about DX; THAT'S IF YOU DARE!

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Don't forget that we have a FB outgoing QSL Bureau within the MRAC. W9RKP, Russ Burss manages same. Send all your DX cards via him, and save yourself a lot of time and money.

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Then we have the one about the plane that was in trouble. A little old lady told all the passengers to pray. One fellow said he couldn't pray, so she told him to do something religious..... so the fellow took up a collection! Hi. (via W9KQB)
(Cud he have been a DX'er?)

73 and continued DX
– W9DYG –

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BULLETIN
ARRL QSL BUREAU

2601 Gordon Drive
Flossmoor, Illinois

Dear Fellow Amateur:

The W/K 9 QSL Bureau is being operated with the cooperation of the QSL committee of Tri-town Radio Club of Homewood, Ill. Members of the committee are listed below together with the call groups for which they process the DX cards.

A & B calls	E.P. Vaughn, W9ABI, 209 W. 16th St. Chicago Heights, Ill.
C, D, & E calls	G.M. Bower, W9CQG, 171 Nauvoo, Park Forest, Ill.
F calls	J.F. Oberg, W9DSO, 2601 Gordon Drive, Flossmoor, Ill.
G & H calls	J.W. Turner, W9GDI, 66 Cherry, Park Forest, Ill.
I & S calls	G. Lauder, W9PVD, 134 Marquette, Park Forest, Ill.
J, K & L calls	D.F. Bunger, W9KKN, 18332 Marshfield, Homewood, Ill.
M, N O & P "	C.H.Bunger, W9PCF, RR #1, Chicago Heights, Ill.
Q & R calls	J.P.Kenney, W9QIY, 22419 Ridgeway Ave., Richton Park, Ill
T & U calls	L.T.Crews, W9UIK, 1860 Cedar Rd., Homewood, Ill.
V & W calls	R.J. Adair, W9RRX, 142nd & Crawford Ave. Midlothian, Ill
Y & Z calls	R.W.McGowan, W9ZGN, 1401 183rd St., Homewood, Ill.

W9DSO receives shipments of DX cards at irregular intervals from the foreign bureaus and from ARRL Hdqts. After sorting them by the first letter of the call, he delivers them to the members of the QSL committee. This distribution is made at least twice a month, to give each committee member sufficient time to sort them according to the individual calls and have them ready for mailing between the 20th and 25th of each month.

In regard to the reply envelopes, these may be sent either to W9DSO or to the member of the committee handling your call. It is recommended that you use clasp type envelopes about 5" x 7" if possible. These are known as #25 or #35 and are available in most stationery and office supply stores. This size will accomodate the large cards which are so popular with many DX stations. Regular #10 white envelopes may also be used but often require that cards be folded something we try to avoid. In making up your reply envelopes, please PRINT your call plainly in the upper left hand corner in letters at least 1/4" high. Put a 3¢ stamp on each envelope. This will take care of 6 or 7 cards.

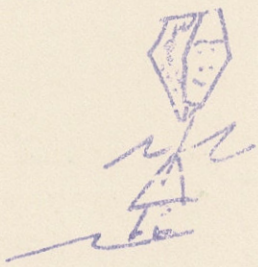
The major problem of the QSL Bureau is disposing of the accumulation of cards for which no forwarding envelopes are on file. At present we have cards for over 1500 W/K 9 stations and no self-addressed envelopes in which to mail them. As hundreds of pieces of mail are received each month, it is necessary to check them against the unclaimed cards and this slows down the processing job. PLEASE KEEP A SUPPLY OF ENVELOPES ON FILE AND URGE OTHERS TO DO SO.

Your cooperation in following the above suggestions will be appreciated and will be of considerable help to us in our effort to provide the kind of QSL service you want.

73 and gud luck,
Obe - W9DSO

THE OM SAID TO THE XYL

"LIFE BEGINS AT 40"



LET'S US PROVE IT
AT THE

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB
40TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE PARTY

SAT. FEB 15, 1958 8PM UNTILL!

NORTH SIDE ARMORY - 51ST & SILVER SPRING

BY COURTESY OF 84TH SIG. CORP DIV U.S. ARMY RES.

BEER! REFRESHMENTS! LUNCH!

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ALL THIS AND MORE FOR ONLY $2.00 PER PERSON

EVERYONES INVITED - NOT JUST HAMS - BRING ALOT YOUR FRIENDS - SHOW THEM THERS MORE TO HAM RADIO THAN CQ-DX-TVI-QSL's!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MRAC MEMBERS OR CALL HI 4-7761 OR WRITE 3249 N 79TH ST.

BUY THEM NOW!

Plan to attend what promises to be the best social affair in years - We want the spirit of M.R.A.C to long be remembered.

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Edw A. Burkhalter
chairman